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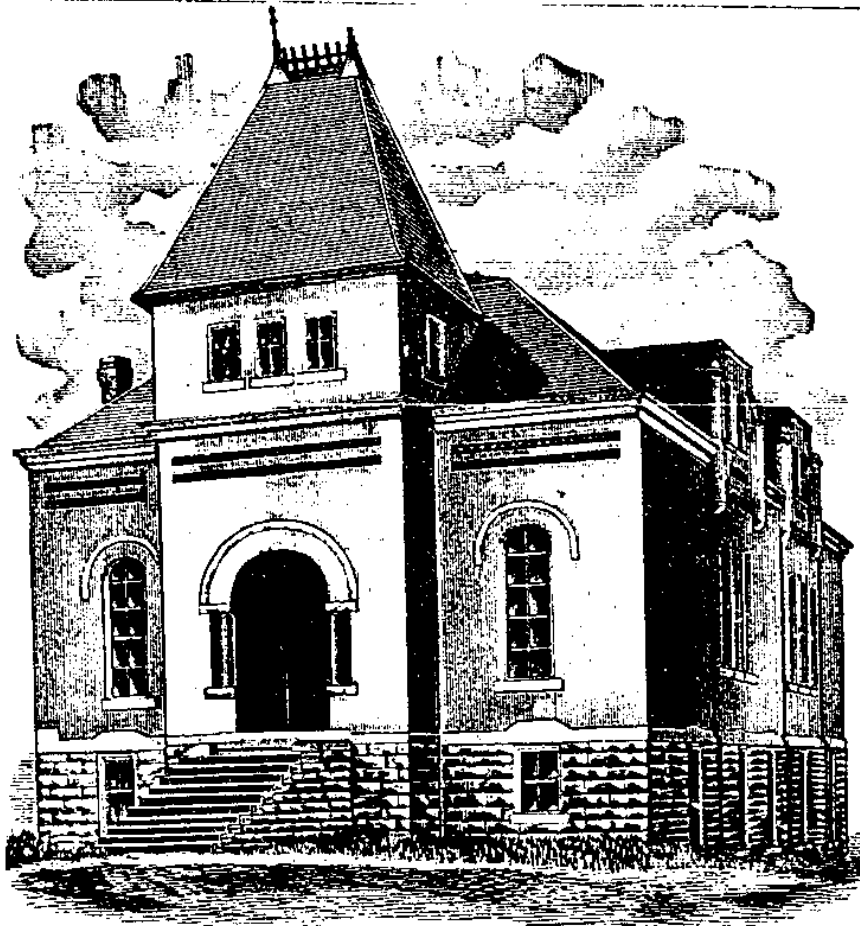
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THE GYMNASIUM AND WORKSHOP.

**T**HIS is a very correct electrotpe of our gymnasium and work shop.

The Herald has published from time to time the progress in finishing and furnishing the same, and it is with much pleasure that we now give our readers the benefit of this beautiful cut.

The young men especially feel a high sense of satisfaction as they behold this magnificent building, for it originated through them. True the Faculty has all along had an idea sin-

gle to physical training; but as an idea it did no one any good. But the young men felt the need of symmetry of body as well as of mind and soul. They became enthused over the matter, pushed it before the Faculty and friends until, with their earnest co-operation, Fisk University is prepared to give physical as well as mental and moral training to her students, the only institution in the land thus equipped for colored youths.

## THE FISK HERALD

### ALCORN A. and M. COLLEGE.

**A**LCORN Agricultural and Mechanical College is situated in Claiborne County, Mississippi four and one half miles northeast of Rodney, a small town on the Mississippi river, and nine miles west of Hayes, a station on the L. N. O. and T. R. R. forty-five miles south of Vicksburg.

The College is a part of the educational system of the State. The governing body of the institution is a Board of Trustees appointed by the Legislature. In accordance with the law of the State, the institution aims to complete and crown the work begun in the public schools, by furnishing ample facilities for the liberal education of the colored youths of the State. Through the aid that has been received from the United States and from the State, Alcorn is enabled to offer its privilege, without charge for tuition and room rent, to all persons qualified for admission.

Alcorn was first known as "Oakland College," a great seat of learning which was founded in the interest of the Southern Presbyterians in 1828. For more than thirty years "Oakland" flourished, and was the oldest academic institution in the State. At the close of the war, however, the harmony and prosperity of the school was broken, and in 1871 the ground and buildings had to be sold. The state became the purchaser, and dedicated the same under the name "Alcorn University" to the higher education of the colored youths. But in 1878 the school was reorganized, and the Legislature changed its name to Alcorn Agricultural and Mechanical College, the better to comply with

the Act of Congress of 1862, by which and was granted for the endowment of colleges in the respective states, "Where the leading object shall be, without excluding other scientific and classical studies and including military tactics, to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanical arts, in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions of life."

Under this last organization the college prospered only for a year or two, when a reaction set in. The students became fewer and fewer, the grounds fast began to show the hand of waste and decay, the buildings were rapidly becoming out of repair, and nothing but certain dissolution seemed possible. It was only a question of time when the Legislature would again reorganize or otherwise dispose of the grounds and buildings. The decline continued until 1882. It was then that Providence smiled upon the institution. Professor Jas. D. Burrus was called from the chair of Mathematics in Fisk University to fill a like chair then vacant at Alcorn. He found every thing in a very unsatisfactory state; but never tiring, he set steadily to work. His aim was to build up the institution. Fortune favored the work of reform, for in the fall of '83 a new president was needed. The right man for such a place was hard to find. At last John H. Burrus, then enjoying a lucrative practice at the bar in Nashville, and formerly a member of the Faculty of Fisk University, was induced to accept the position. Loth as he was to leave a profession with a future so flattering, he nevertheless made his legal aspirations second to that of

doing his people a great and lasting good. He entered into the work of building up the standard and general bearing of the College with his entire soul. All the foresight, steadiness and fortitude that fitted him for a lawyer served him as president of the institution, and, assisted by the steady co-operation of an intelligent and earnest corps of teachers, he now presents Alcorn to view, a wonder to all who know her last ten years history.

Fisk has been called a child of Oberlin; but Alcorn as she now stands, is equally a child of Fisk. As far as practical, the rules and regulations are the same, and the thorough christian sentiment of Fisk pervades every inch of Alcorn. This relation arises from the fact that Fisk Alumni have nearly wholly constituted the faculty of Alcorn during the last seven years. The influence has been wholesome in the extreme. Fisk is doing a great and noble work; but what she is doing for the south generally, Alcorn is doing directly for Mississippi. Alcorn is meeting a demand in Mississippi that could probably be met in no other way, and, with the proper succor and care from the State, together with a faculty as she now has, Alcorn is destined to make no mean rank among the agricultural colleges of the land.

Nine members constitute the faculty. John H. Burrus M.A., '75 is President and Professor of Mental and Moral Science; James D. Burrus M.A., '75 and Dartmouth college '79 is Professor of Mathematics, Geology and Practical Agriculture; Rev. J.C. McAdams, B.A. '83 is Assistant Professor of Political Economy and English, and College Pastor; Joseph An-

derson, M.A. '80 is Assistant Professor of the Natural Sciences; John A. Martin, B.S. and Benjamin F. Shannon B.S are resident graduates and instructors in the English Branches; Wesley Hoffman studied at Harvard and is instructor in Botany, Zoology and English; Mrs. Helena G. Barbour studied at Oberlin and is Matron in charge of Boarding Hall; and W. B. Woodruff, member of present Senior class, is Student Foreman on the farm.

The degree *Baccalaureus Scientiarum* is bestowed upon all who complete the course. Though intended primarily for young men, one of the thirty odd graduates is a young lady, with another in the present Senior class, and several others in various other classes. The Alumni are mostly located in the State and occupy some very important positions. There is no better way of estimating the character of the work done by the school than by that done by the *Under-graduates* and *Alumni*. The report goes abroad throughout the state unquestioned that the Alcorn boys stand the best county examinations, and several have made the enviable average of ninety-five. The president is constantly the recipient of flattering and urgent letters from county superintendents requiring and desiring proficient teachers. As the highest institution of learning for colored youths in Mississippi the efficiency of the work of Alcorn is recognized throughout the State, and she has no mean reputation in adjoining States. At the recent State Fair held at Jackson and Vicksburg, among other premiums and diplomas, Alcorn was awarded the medal for highest scholarship.

But probably the most interesting part of a short account of such an institution is the life of the students. Situated as it is, away from the temptations of city life, in a high, healthy and picturesque part of the country, nothing but the best influences and inducements to study could be expected. The students are vigorous active, yet attentive and eager for knowledge. With a campus of seventy acres, the widest latitude is given to all the manly sports, and with one hundred and twenty-five more under cultivation, the greatest facility is afforded for practical, agricultural instruction. The work done about the College is done almost exclusively by student labor, and many students have in this way worked their way entirely through College. The College has a brass band which is a source of great enjoyment and recreation. The Library has not a large number of books, but a thousand of the choicest in the English language and the eagerness with which the books are read would well become a more advanced institution. There are two literary and debating societies, and each year a regular course of lectures is delivered before the faculty and students. The Y. M. C. A. has the most important place among the Christian influences of Alcorn. The church, Sunday School, and prayer meetings are indispensable, but it is really the hearty welcome of the Y. M. C. A. boys that changes the course of the newcomer's life. There are four religious exercises each Sunday, two of which are compulsory, with one each Wednesday night. The young men come mostly from farms. They bring their simple and earnest methods with

them. They are thirsty for knowledge, and few colleges have an equal chance to give their students such an opportunity for the acquisition of a practical knowledge of agriculture, such a latitude for the manly sports, together with such thoroughly Christian and scholarly influence that will make them honest, loyal and industrious citizens.

Alcorn is sadly in need of dormitory accommodations. Each year students have to be turned away. The enrollment to date is 246, surpassing that of any previous year by 10, and would be much more if rooms would allow. In view of this; viz., the lack of sufficient accommodations, the Legislature recently adjourned, gave Alcorn \$2,500 to have *Belle Lettres* Hall converted into a dormitory, a hall at present vacant and which will accommodate about fifty more. The Legislature also raised the annual appropriation from \$9,500 to \$10,500, which will doubtless enable the Board of Trustees to increase the number of members of the faculty by the addition of another much needed teacher.

Such is Alcorn Agricultural and Mechanical College. It is a sign of prosperity and growth, ever advantageous to any state, that all classes of citizens of Mississippi are becoming acquainted with and recognizing the value of such an institution.

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## THE UNDERGRADUATE ASSOCIATION OF FISK UNIVERSITY.

**M**Y Dear Friends and Fellow Undergraduate Students of Fisk University:

It is my joy as well as my duty, to tell you of the actions of the undergraduate students of Fisk University during the early part of April, 1890.

You know that for some years, Fisk University has had two Alumni Associations, composed of the graduates of the College and Normal Courses.

These associations were organized for the purpose of raising money to assist in the endowment of the University. This is a worthy act on the part of the graduate students and deserves much praise. In no better way could they have shown their worthiness and appreciation for the benefits they have received from this grand Institution than by helping it in its struggle for a long and useful existence.

They do this to show love to their benefactor. To show appreciation for help and favors received. To aid in the perpetuation of a good and glorious work.

In thinking over this matter, my friends, the thought came to me: Are the graduates the only students who really love Fisk University? Are they the only class of students that have been benefited, and are therefore grateful? Are they the only ones who *can* and *do* appreciate what Fisk has done for them? Are they the only ones who would like to perpetuate the blessings that she is bringing to our race, and therefore our country?

To these questions, I answered, in my own heart, *no*, a thousand times *no*. I am an undergraduate student

myself and I know that I love Fisk as dearly as any body else and am willing to do all I can to increase and perpetuate the good that *she* is doing in the world. I do not believe that I am alone in this matter. I believe that there are hundreds and perhaps thousands who feel just about as I do towards Fisk University.

So, I proposed, through the Herald about two years ago, the organization of an Undergraduate Association. The proposition met with great favor but no effective steps were taken towards organizing. In a recent visit made to the University, I presented my thoughts and plans concerning this matter to the students and Faculty and they all were heartily in sympathy with them. So, we organized with the students in school, and the few in the city and elsewhere, who happened to be present at the session of the Central South Association, which met at Fisk, feeling assured that the plan would favorably commend itself to the other members then in the field.

## THE OBJECT.

The object of this Association is to give every undergraduate of Fisk a chance to have a hand in the glorious work\* of raising money for the endowment of the University and to do it in such a way that the undergraduates shall have credit for what they do to this end; not only as an association but that *each member* shall have credit for what *he* or *she* does in this good cause.

It is also intended to give every grateful student of Fisk who could not finish a course of study but, nevertheless, who has been benefited, a chance to show, by some real manifestation, his or her love and gratitude to the school for the help and the benefit they

have received from it; and also to show, more than all, their *worthiness* of such benefits.

In doing this, we thereby make ourselves co-workers under God with the good people in the north, in the elevation of our own people and in spreading religious intelligence throughout the world.

#### THE PLAN.

In effecting this organization, the plan is (1) to make *every undergraduate student* of Fisk a *full member* by virtue of the fact that *he or she* is an undergraduate student of the said University. And (2) to provide for one president, and as many vice presidents as there are states in the south (with the exception of Tennessee which has three vices instead of one; a vice for each civil division of the state) and one for as many northern states as is necessary to cover the entire field in which our students are laboring. (3) To have a Recording Secretary, Corresponding and an assistant Corresponding Secretaries and an Executive Committee composed of seven members. (4) To have a Treasurer, who must always be the Treasurer of the University.

This Treasurer, is to receive the money from the Recording Secretary, who shall receive all money that is sent in and shall give a receipt to *each* contributor *immediately* after its reception. (There shall be a regular form of "receipt blanks" used by the Association and no other kind of receipts should be accepted by any contributor.) The Treasurer, will make an Annual report, at the close of each year, of the money received and paid out during the year and read same to the Association at its annual meet-

ing during Commencement week, and shall also have same published in full in the Fisk Herald; so that the name of each contributor, and the amount that he or she has sent in during the year, shall both be read in the Association meeting and be published in the Herald, giving the members absent, as well as those who may be present, a chance to see just what has been done by *each* and *all* during the year.

Each member is expected to give *as much as he is able* to this grand cause.

Say five, six, eight, or ten dollars a year. If some can't give so much, give what you can, and God will bless you. If you cannot give your thousands, give the "widow's mite." I assure you that it will not be despised.

The idea is, that *every member give something*. Give as the Lord has prospered you. "Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessings of the Lord thy God which he has given." Deut. 16: 17.

Remember he that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord and he will pay it back in overflowing measure. Read what our Saviour says of this matter of giving: "Give and it shall be given unto you; *good measure, pressed down, and shaken together and running over* . . . for with the *same measure* that ye mete withal, it shall be *measured to you* again." Luke 6: 38

Thus, we have God's word for it, my friends, that the more liberally we give, the more bountifully we shall receive. So, giving to this cause is nothing less than opening the doors of heaven to receive more bountifully the showers of God's blessings upon us. Therefore, let us not give stingily, but liberally and freely, for God loves



the cheerful giver. Let us give *early* too for we need money to start the machinery moving.

## The Organization.

I am happy to say that our organization is effected. Our history has already begun to be made and we must burn our bridges behind us and set ourselves to work to accomplish the object before us, with a zeal that shall prove to be irresistible.

I believe that our object meets the approbation of our Creator and therefore I feel that we shall have help and guidance from above. The following is a list of the officers elected, who are to hold their offices until our annual meeting during commencement week of the University in '90, or until their successors are elected.

Pres. J. D. Pettigrew, Texas;  
Vices: Hinton Alexander, East Tenn;  
Wm. Thompson, Middle Tenn; Miss  
Mitie Henderson, West Tenn;  
W. E. Mollison, Miss; Wm. Jenkins, D.  
C.; C. H. Dodge, St. Louis Mo.; R.  
C. Edmondson, Tex.; Miss. Cornelia  
Jackson, Little Rock, Ark.; F. L.  
Fortson, Hot Springs, Ark.; Mrs.  
Blanche Harris Gilmore, Ohio;  
Dicky Terry, Columbus, Ga.; Peter  
Postell, Ky.; J. M. Baker, La.; Mrs.  
Amanda Palmer, S. C.  
Executive Committee.

Wm. Thompson, Mrs. Jennie  
Keeble, J. D. McCall, Jon. B. Childress,  
B. H. Murrell, Dr. W. A. Hadley, Miss  
Fannie Snow.

(Our list of vice presidents is not yet complete. The nominations are not all made. It takes sometime to complete the list, but it will be done as soon as possible, and further announcements will be made in the near future. The Executive Committee is authorized to complete the list of nominations of vice presidents)

Mr. J. L. Murray, Recording Sec'ty  
Fisk University, Miss Louise B. Harris  
Corresponding Sec'ty, Nashville Tenn.  
Mr. Major Sublett, Asst Sec'ty,  
Nashville, Tenn.

Please let every undergraduate of Fisk in this entire country, and else where, send me their address that I may make a complete list of all the undergraduates of the University.

Send all moneys to Mr. J. L. Murray, Fisk, who will give receipt for same.

## THE OUTLOOK

If every under graduate enters heartily into our organized effort and take, the pride in it that he really should the outlook of this movement is glorious.

We have, I think, between one and two thousand undergraduates scattered all over this broad land of ours, the greater part of whom, is in good business and many are becoming rich.

Now, when every one of these is thoroughly waked up, it will be an easy matter for our Association alone to raise for Fisk endowment, from \$5000 to \$6000 a year. At this rate, it would take but a few years to raise the money sufficient to accomplish the object for which we were organized.

We can, the most of us, easily give five or six dollars a year and we will not miss it. Fisk University will be enriched, and the Negro race in America will be blessed, and our country will be helped, and the world will be made better, and God's kingdom on earth will be advanced by our little sacrifice. To what higher and more glorious use could we put our money than to perpetuate the saving and helpful influences which Fisk University is sending out not only to bless our Country but to bless the world.

I sincerely hope that all the dear undergraduates may enter heartily in sympathy and support of this movement.

I am your most humble servant,  
J. D. Pettigrew,  
President of the Undergraduate Association of Fisk University.

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#### EDITORIALS.

ONE more Oratorical Contest.  
One more bright shining medal,  
and (*noch ein mal*) Fisk gets — second  
place. Ho! Roger Williams, give us  
thine hand across, the broad chasm  
of oratorical rivalry!

COMMENCEMENT is all the  
talk. The students are rapidly  
going out to begin their summer's  
work. The Herald wishes them suc-  
cess; may the fates be propitious, but  
we would remind them not to forget to  
leave their subscription. A good inter-  
esting paper is desired during vacation,  
but to do this we must have the co-op-  
eration of all. Let us have your sub-  
scription.

ONCE more we herald the success  
and victory of W. E. B. DuBois  
'89, former editor of the Herald, and  
now a member of the senior class of  
Harvard University. Mr. DuBois  
was one of the few to receive a \$300  
scholarship last fall. He has main-  
tained a high scholarship throughout,  
and now he steps in for the first prize in  
oratory in the Boston contest. Hur-  
rah for DuBois! Hurrah for Fisk!  
Mr. DuBois' remarkable success has  
not only benefited himself, but has,  
and will do wonders to place the qual-  
ity of the work done by Fisk and simi-  
lar colleges before the people.

Mr. DuBois won second prize in the  
same contest last year; Morgan, his  
friend and class mate, winning the  
first prize.

THE method of the B. K. B. in  
electing representatives of the  
Herald Board is a capital one, and we  
wish to recommend that each society  
adopt it, or one like it. It is that,  
instead of electing the three repre-  
sentatives all at once in the begin-  
ning of the University year, one be  
elected in October, one in January,  
and one in April, each to hold office  
for one year. The value of such a  
method is obvious. Heretofore, each

society has elected its representatives at the beginning of the school year. This often causes the Herald Board to be composed of members entirely new, and who know nothing whatever of the running of the Herald; and just as they become acquainted with their duty, another Board, constituted almost entirely of new and untried members, has to be organized. It is very necessary that the Board of each year be fully conversant with what the preceding one did; all the important measures and policies should be thoroughly known. There is no better way of doing this, we think, than by the plan of the B. K. B. By this plan there are always two old members in the Board, and, if the other two societies adopt the same plan there will always be six old members. Instead of all nine members going out at once, by this plan, only three go out at a time, thus giving the new members every facility of becoming thoroughly acquainted with their duties. This plan ought to be adopted now before commencement, and we hope the societies will act upon this immediately.

THE *SPUR* met the students' gaze early in May. Eager expectants stopped to review the list; others passed it by unnoticed. But there were the marks, and the mandate of the *Spur* was inexorable. We publish the roll of honor for the last three years.

1888

1. W. E. B. DuBois. '88.
2. J. D. McCall. '90.
3. { J. N. Callaway. '90.
- { J. Levy, Jr., 91.

1889.

1. J. D. McCall. '90.

2. B. F. Darrell. '93.
3. { W. T. Andrews. '90.
- { T. J. Calloway. '89,

1890

1. J. D. McCall. '90.
2. Miss M. M. Jackson, N. '90
3. W. T. Andrews. '90.

The last examination marks an epoch for the Normals. Only once before has a young lady's name been on the Roll of Honor, and heretofore the Normals had to content themselves with a more humble position; but this time Miss Jackson vies with the best and obtains second honor. Hurrah, for the Normals!

#### Y. M. C. A. SECRETARIES.

DURING the National meeting of the Y. M. C. A. secretaries, Fisk entertained quite a number. It was a mutual blessing, for while they inspired us, we inspired them; several spoke of the benefit they had received by being in Fisk, and of the inspiration they had from us to return and redouble their labors for Christ. But we are especially indebted to them for their service, and the impetus they gave us to live noble lives.

Our guests were: H. A. Sibley Beatrice, Neb.; Chas. T. Oldroyd, Sandusky, O.; Chas. J. Dole, Painsville, Ohio.; M. C. Williams, Xenia, Ohio.; C. L. Stinchcomb., Canton, Ohio.; L. B. Moore, Philadelphia, Penn.

Prof. Beardslee of Hartford Theological Seminary was also present at the Wednesday night prayer meeting and occupied the time in a very elevating and earnest talk. Other Secretaries spoke.

Sunday morning Sec. L. B. Moore

ed the college Y.M.C.A.; and instead of the regular eleven o'clock sermon Messrs. Sibley of Neb., Goodman of Ohio, Whitworth of Mass. and Hazelwood of Mass. were introduced by Mr. Armstrong of Mass. The meeting was a warm one; and interspersed with Jubilee song, every one seemed benefited and pleased. *Santification* was especially emphasized

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### CALVIN J. ANDERSON

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**L**IFE and death are alike mysteries, the former *may* be solved by the living, the latter only by dying. None probably expect to solve death in the usual way. All expect it and yet few die with all earthly hopes fulfilled. This makes us hold on to the slenderest chance, and goads us on to the greatest effort. The friends of the dying always look on the death of a young friend as premature cutting off of hope and great prominence, so it was with Calvin J. Anderson. Tho filled with intensest pain he clung tenaciously to the weakest thread. He still hoped for a favorable turn—a final ending of his miseries and a budding again of life.

Born and reared amid 'chill pensury, educated amid difficulties he was no stranger to hardship and bore up heroically when he saw his highest hopes blasted his work of prominence snatched unjustly from him, his health impaired and his physical strength failing. Tho despondent he was not discouraged, and after losing work upon which he had put three years of his vigorous young manhood he started out anew to build up his fortune. Like others zeal led him to over estimate his strength. The long feared and always

fatal malady made unconscious inroads upon his shattered constitution, and he was soon forced to retire to his home, where he lived for two years simply waiting the final summons. It came Mar. 22, and Calvin J. Anderson died in the 33rd year of his age.

In his last moments his mind was exceptionally clear, no clouds floated across his mental vision. He was always rational and arranged his earthly affairs in a manner characteristic of his life.

The following is taken from a letter written Feb. 5 '90, and addressed to the writer: "Dissolution is very probable. The disposition of my property is the earthly subject uppermost in my mind. I wish to give so much of my real estate, for some good purpose, to Fisk University, as will produce in cash unincumbered \$1000."

His will contains a claim embodying the wish of his life. Every desire arranged he passed away like a gentle flowing river—leaving a young wife, his parents and only brother to mourn his departure.

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### WHITE CROSS LEAGUE.

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**I**N March 1886 the students of Fisk University were called together in the Collegiate room. Livingstone Hall, by Mr. Wm. R. Morris of the class of '84, F. U., then a teacher in the University.

Mr. Morris read the pledge of the "White Cross Army" and gave an account of the beginning and growth of the movement in other countries and in this, closing with the request that those students who *approved* of the movement would hand him their names.

There were given him seventy eight

names, which names were copied by Mr. Morris in a book.

No other meetings of this kind followed this meeting. Some of those who sent in their names considered it as a virtual signing of the pledge and endeavored to regulate their lives to it. How many, it is impossible to state, but we have had the recent testimony of some who sent in their names, that even the memory of the meeting had faded from their minds until it was brought back by the more recent movement among us.

A little over a year ago there came into my hands a pamphlet of White Cross Literature which awakened a desire to know more of the movement. Other literature was sent for and the desire grew strong that in some way our young men might be made acquainted with the nature of the pledge and be inspired with a positive and aggressive *hate* for lewd companionship and indecent language and jests. At my invitation about half a dozen of the young men with whom I was on intimate terms came together for the purpose of considering the wisdom of starting a White Cross League among the young men. At this meeting I first learned of the meeting held by Mr. Morris several years before.

The out-come of the deliberations was a decision to issue a personal invitation to all who had previously given in their names to Mr. Morris, and who were yet in school, to meet at my house.

It was thought that in this way it could most readily be ascertained whether those whose names were on the list still desired to be regarded

as adhering to the White Cross Movement. A goodly number of young men thus invited were present at the time appointed and at several successive meetings. In these meetings the pledge was read and re-read.

It was taken up topic by topic. I expressed my views on each topic and invited an interchange of views. This interchange of views was very useful to those present, for, altho there were decided differences of opinion a most charitable spirit prevailed. All gave in their adherence to the principles underlying the pledge, but difference arose as to the necessity or wisdom, or both, of organizing a league.

As the discussions went on the sentiment crystallized in two directions.

A few were opposed to taking *any* pledge inasmuch as their church vows were considered as covering all the points not only of this pledge, but of all other pledges for moral reforms, e. g. temperance, using tobacco, etc., and further, they doubted the wisdom of the movement. The majority however finally came clearly to the conviction that the movement was not only wise but very greatly needed.

Out of twenty-six persons present twenty-one then put their names to the pledge in their own hand-writing.

Their names may be seen in the secretary's book numbered 1-21. Other names were soon added and the work of adopting a constitution was undertaken and completed.

The work of the school-year was at hand and only one or two meetings of the league after its complete organization could be held before the vacation. During the summer the mem-

bers of the League were scattered but they remembered their obligations and some were able to do active work for the cause of social and personal purity in the communities where they worked. For the benefit of members who have joined us since the beginning of this school-year, I can report that through the personal persuasion of one member several couples who had been living together unlawfully went before a Justice of the Peace and were lawfully married. Another, finding the irregular church meetings as conducted did not afford him the opportunity the desired to urge the people to greater purity of life, began holding Bible readings of his own and these being attended by goodly numbers gave opportunity to put in a good word for the better way.

Quite a large number of members testified on their return to school to the restraining influence of the pledge upon their own lives. One young man being head waiter in ——— held religious meetings among his fellow waiters and frequently improved the occasions to urge principles of our league. These personal appeals had a great influence over the young during the summer, and who will say that the seed thus sown is not yet yielding fruit in chastened lives. His influence however did not stop with the young men. At the request of the girls in service at the hotel ——— a hundred or more of them ——— he gave them also plain talks on the value and duty of virtuous lives. Many were affected to tears and all were seriously impressed. After that they seemed to look to him as their protector, and often said they were glad they had a head man who would endeavor to shield them from

temptation and wrong. These incidents are given here because they will be suggestive to you of lines of work which may fall to you during the coming summer, and because I wish to record them as part of the work done during the very first months of our League. I shall hope next Fall to hear from those of you who return of your personal experiences. The meeting last October at which these testimonies were given was to me at least one of the most intense interest.

#### THE ROSTRUM.

THE last quarterly Public Rhetoricals of the College and Senior Normal classes occurred in the chapel of Livingstone Hall March 28. All of the productions were well prepared, and the audience showed their appreciation by frequent applause. Miss Jennie Cheatham opened the exercises with a solo, "Abide with me"; Rev. J. D. Pettigrew led in prayer, and Misses Crump and Haynes sang a duet.

The first literary exercise was a well written essay, Miss M. E. Payne, on the "Waldenses." "The True Sphere of Woman" was the subject of the first oration by B. F. Darrell. The oration was written in excellent style, finely spoken, and with argument good though a little old. Taken all in all it was probably the best exercise of the evening. Miss A. L. Davis next read an essay on "A Representative of the Elizabethan Courtiers." This is Miss Davis' first appearance before us but a stranger would never have known it. Miss M. Brown followed with a fine composition on "Bridges;" but owing to the

semi-tornado that was raging without the audience was deprived of its best effect.

The exercises were here interspersed with a solo "Sailing" by Mr. B. F. Miller. Mr. Miller has a fine voice which with cultivation will be equal to the thrilling solos of the best compositions.

The three great statesmen, "Alexander Hamilton," "John C. Calhoun" and "Henry Clay" were represented in orations by Messrs I. F. Scott, B. H. Morrell and E. E. Woodard respectively. Mr. Scott, first appearance, took all by storm and is doubtless destined to be one of Fisk's finest orators; Mr. Morrell surpassed any previous effort, and his firm and masterly style ranks him among our best. Mr. Woodard's was probably the best delivered piece of the evening. A very imaginative essay, "The Problem Solved" was then read by Miss C. L. Coleman. Miss Coleman certainly has a great descriptive power, which, with her imagination, rendered her essay very entertaining. The good to accrue from the "Worlds Fair" was next given by Mr. O. D. Porter. His oration showed that Mr. Porter was keeping up with the day and displayed a farseeing and statesman like ability. Jas. R. Levy, Jr. spoke on "The English Government." The oration was one of the best written pieces of the evening. As Mr. Levy was filling a vacancy in the model school caused by Mrs. Greene's unexpected summons to a sick mother, and was troubled with a hoarseness arising therefrom, his matchless eloquence could not flow as it is wont. The last literary exercise was the "Value of Classics." We are afraid

to say whether it was an essay or an oration as Mr. T. S. Inborden read it. Our college young men generally speak and wax eloquent. What is the matter with the botanist? After a solo "The Blind Girl," by Miss Crump, and Benediction the audience was dismissed to find the storm over and the night clear and beautiful.

## PERSONALS.

S. S. Willis bade us adieu on the 5th.

Mr. Buford of Pulaski stopped in on 3rd inst.

Mr. E. Hawkins left for his home on the 12th.

Sec. Hunton called several times during the Y. M. C. A. convention.

Miss Estella Bedford left school on the 31st ult. for her home in Miss.

T. P. Harris expects to take a course in Medicine next year. Bravo!

Miss Eliza Singleton has gone to take charge of her school.

Miss Ellen Campbell, was called to take charge of her Summer's work on the 1st inst.

Miss Alma Stickel has joined the Young Ladies Society of Christian Endeavor.

O. C. Garrett has been visited by the "Shakers," the noted indweller of the swamps of Miss. and Ark.

Miss Anna Carraway was unexpectedly called home to the sick bed of her brother on the 1st inst.

H. H. Proctor read a paper before the White Cross League Sunday evening May 11th.

H. H. Proctor has been slightly indisposed.

D. W. Dunn left on 3rd inst. to open his Mississippi school. Post Office, Macon.

H. P. Thurman ended his first year amongus on the 6th inst.

Iola Terry has been put on the list in the industrial department.

Miss Maggie Murray, '89, is expected to be with us in a few weeks to visit her many friends.

The young ladies of Jubilee Hall are now jubilant over "Those beautiful Spring gingham."

Miss Addie Davis N. '90- spent Friday night May 6, at Jubilee Hall with her friend Miss Mattie Bryant.

Mr. Webb left on 31st ult. He expects to be in the employment of the Pullman Car Co. during vacation.

Miss Beckwith is expected back the first of June. Our Carrie is much missed and we will be glad to see her again.

Miss Alice Vassar has joined us in our gymnastic exercises, and enjoys them very much.

J. A. Lester, '90, attended all of the Y. M. C. A. meetings in preparation for taking a secretaryship.

L. H. Tindall hails from Mt. Pleasant, Tex. He will stay until commencement. He is in good health and—.

Miss Sallie Jordan received a severe shock from lightening Saturday the 10th inst. She is rapidly recovering her usual health and cheerful spirits.

With this issue, J. L. Barbour becomes business manager with the view of editing the Herald during vacation.

Jas. Levy Jr. left on the 12th. He sails directly for Arkansas where he will enlighten the younger generation. He takes the *Herald* with him, hence will be successful.

Oliver J. Bennett averaged 94 in his examination in the Med. Dept. of the Univ. of Penn. and is appointed nurse in the receiving ward of the Pennsylvania Hospital.

Misses Amanda Moore, Mary Corrier, and Marie Jones, left for their homes, Florence Ala., last week to attend the County Institute and examinations. They will not return this year.

Mrs. Hosler, Mrs. Hendricks, and several strangers, gave us a visit last week. They spent the morning very pleasantly visiting the different classes.

Miss Nettie Crump left for her home on the 4th inst, on account of the illness of her father. Her voice will be very much missed in our vocal circles.

The Senior boys and girls accompanied by Prof. Bennett, spent Saturday forenoon visiting Vanderbilt University. The visit was quite a delightful one; notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather.

All were glad to see L. B. Moore, '89 with us again. He spoke at chapel devotions and at Wednesday prayer meeting. Sec. Moore is looking fine and is well pleased with his work.



## PEOPLE AND EVENTS.

The New York Legislature has passed a bill abolishing capital punishment.

The United States Supreme Court holds that the killing of Terry is justifiable.

The people of New Mexico wish to have their territory admitted into the Union.

The Modern Language Association of the United States is to hold its annual meeting in Nashville. The date of the meeting is always Dec. 26-28. James Russell Lowell is President of the Association.

The Chicago Legal News announces the fact that Mrs. Myra Bradwell, the learned editor of the News, has been recognized by the Supreme Court of Illinois as an attorney and counselor at law.

Miss Mattie Mitchell daughter of Senator Mitchell of Oregon, has the reputation in Paris of being the most beautiful American woman who has ever been seen in that beauty-loving and beauty-drawing city.

Lady Sandhurst who has made a reputation as a liberal orator and organizer lately received the compliment of the freedom of the city of Dublin as being the only woman, on whom that honor has been conferred for 300 years.

The students and teachers of Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, Tuskegee Ala., are raising among themselves and the colored people of the State, a permanent scholarship of \$1,000 for that school to be

called "Olivia Davidson Washington Memorial Scholarship". Each student contributes one cent a week and the graduates are to give one dollar a year.

Miss Juanita Breckenridge a student in Oberlin Theological Seminary, has applied for license to preach, and thus raised the question whether Congregational Conferences should license women. The matter will be decided at the full meeting of the Cleveland Conference.

Henry M. Stanley says that one of his most interesting experiences in Africa was his meeting with the dwarf tribe of the forest which is the oldest known aristocracy, with institutions dating back fifty centuries. The dwarfs are olive-hued, very intelligent, fine craftsmen in iron and ivory and probably the only African race that does not practice polygamy.

## EXCHANGE

"What would Jesus do in my place?"  
That's the question to ask yourself if you are in doubt. That's the best rule in the world to go by. — *The Helping Hand*.

"A new White Cross pamphlet entitled, 'The Triumph of manhood' making the seventh in the series of White Cross publications will soon be on sale at the office". — *Associations Notes*.

"A Kansas City policeman says as the result of his official observation: 'One reason there is such a great number of vagrants about is because so many men are without trades. It is difficult for a poorly dressed man to get a job unless he is a mechanic. A mechanic can always get work,'"  
— *Head and Hand*

## LOCALS.

English examination.

What is your History mark?

Once more we have met the enemy  
and we are theirs.—Contest.

A scarce article at Fisk—starch!  
Can't we have some?

New bell ringer—Say, what time do  
you ring that 8 o'clock bell?

For fine and cheap tailoring go to  
R. Green and Co. No. 506 Church St.

Professor, in class-room: Mr. J—  
continue. Mr. J: Professor, I am  
present but not voting.

Guests.—Where are the Jubilee  
Singers now? Officer showing visitors  
around: All dead!

For pure ice cream and sherbert  
call on R. Rinaldo 453 N. College  
St. the oldest and most reliable factory  
in the city.

Gymnasium sport is among the inter-  
esting things at Fisk and every one  
who frequents it realizes steady muscu-  
lar development.

Are you going to the Presidents'  
office? Student—No sir. Well why  
is it that you can not keep off the  
Grand——stairs!!

The old barn has been torn down; all  
the stock has been removed to the new  
barn. The change adds greatly to the  
general view.

For first class tailoring, cutting, clean-  
ing and repairing go to Wm. Gold-  
stein,  
344 N. Cherry St.

Go to W. H. Wilson & Co 402  
Union St. for your shoes, trunks, val-  
ise and hand bags.

Mrs. T. R. Cantrell has recently  
open a restaurant and ice cream parlor  
at 715 Church St. It is a first class  
establishment and the only place in  
the city where our ladies can get first  
class fare. Give her a call.

"I have never seen so mutual har-  
mony existing between two Senior class-  
es as there is between the present Nor-  
mal and college classes. They have  
frequent joint class meetings and when  
they meet they always have something  
interesting to relate and how they do  
hate to adjourn those meetings. They  
never adjourn without specifying the  
time to meet again."

The People's Tailor has just received  
a fine out lay of spring and summer  
goods and is prepared to do good,  
substantial work at lowest prices.  
Remember the place, No. 327 Union  
St. Students will get bargains by  
giving him a call.

Congressman Russell of Conn. has  
introduced in the House a joint resolu-  
tion to print 100,000 copies of a com-  
pilation of the inaugural addresses of  
the Presidents of the U. S. from George  
Washington to Benjamin Harrison to-  
gether with certain historical data con-  
nected with the inaugural ceremonies  
and brief biographical sketches of the  
Presidents, with the engravings of the  
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